

**BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT**

Claims 1-12 have been canceled.

New Claims 13-17 have been added.

Claim 13 is supported at page 1, first full paragraph and page 10, first full paragraph.

New Claims 14-17 are supported by Claims 1-12 as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

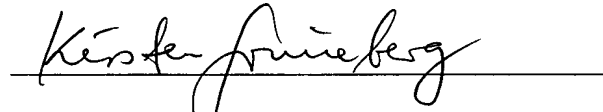
Upon entry of this amendment Claims 13-17 will now be active in this application.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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